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February 9, 2024

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Roberts were present as well as 1 visitor.

At 4:10 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for financial assistance. Motion carried.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Lawrence Yes

At 4:13 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the January 11, 2024, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read with changes noted. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Todd Perry	No	Yes	020-02-24

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $7,350.34. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #014-02-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $24,721.80 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #015-02-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 26 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept

cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $16,063.63; motion carried. *(Resolution #016-02-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $10,998.84 was reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #017-02-24)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying $1,618.20; motion carried. *(Resolution #018-02-24)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $399.98 was presented to the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #019-02-24)*

RESOLUTIONS:
Mr. Grassa moved and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to approve E. Zackery to sign a month to month contract to park behind the Professional Building. Motion passed. *(Resolution #0021-02-24)*

Mr. Lawrence moved and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to purchase ten tickets for the 2024 Veterans Banquet, to be given out; Motion carried. *(Resolution #022-02-24)*

Mr. Lawrence moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to purchase 100 Vietnam 50th Anniversary pins to hand out to widows; motion carried. *(Resolution #023-02-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT
Client data for the month of January 2024:

- 4 new applicants for financial assistance and 22 old cases for a total of 26 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 82 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 232 appointments
- 81 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC
Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- March 14-15, 2024 – Winter Quarterly (Zackery, Phillipp)

OSACVSC

- March 22-24, 2024 – Spring Conference & training

EVENTS
Past:

- January 25, 2024 – Brunswick Rotary Club presentation on Memorial Fund – E. Zackery
- January 26, 2024 – Story Point – MCVSO Presentation – M. Phillipp

- February 8, 2024 – Four Chaplains Ceremony – United Methodist Church @ 7:00pm

Future:

- Veterans Among Us Project – various times and places
- March 28, 2024 – VN Day – ceremony & luncheon
- April 26, 2024 – Veterans Military Banquet

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting. VFW Post #5137: Monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Chaplains Service planning. Veterans Hall: Monthly meeting.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS: monthly meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting, Coalition meeting.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA #335: Monthly meeting, board member, life member. VFW Post #5137: Honor guard, life member, helped with fish fry food prep. DAV #72: life member. American Legion #202: annual member.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, service officer, meetings, and boy scout troop advisor, VVA – Life member. Medina Co. Veterans Memorial Hall – Home Corp Treasurer, Board member. VSO: Monthly meeting, Medina Co. Valor Court.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: thank you letter from Mr.& Mrs. Galat and a donation from Mr. D'Annolfo.

OLD BUSINESS

- New van – Bids close on Feb. 14th.
- Building Phase II – Bid was awarded to construction company in Brunswick
- Bid to be accepted by County Commissioners on 2/13/2024
- Cemetery flags have been received

NEW BUSINESS

- Requesting 10 tickets for Veterans Military banquet to hand out
- Would like to purchase pins for widows of Vietnam veterans
- Meeting with County Prosecutor
- Budget meeting, review at March board meeting
- Purple Star, help with unclaimed veteran remains

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 4:37 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 3/13/2024